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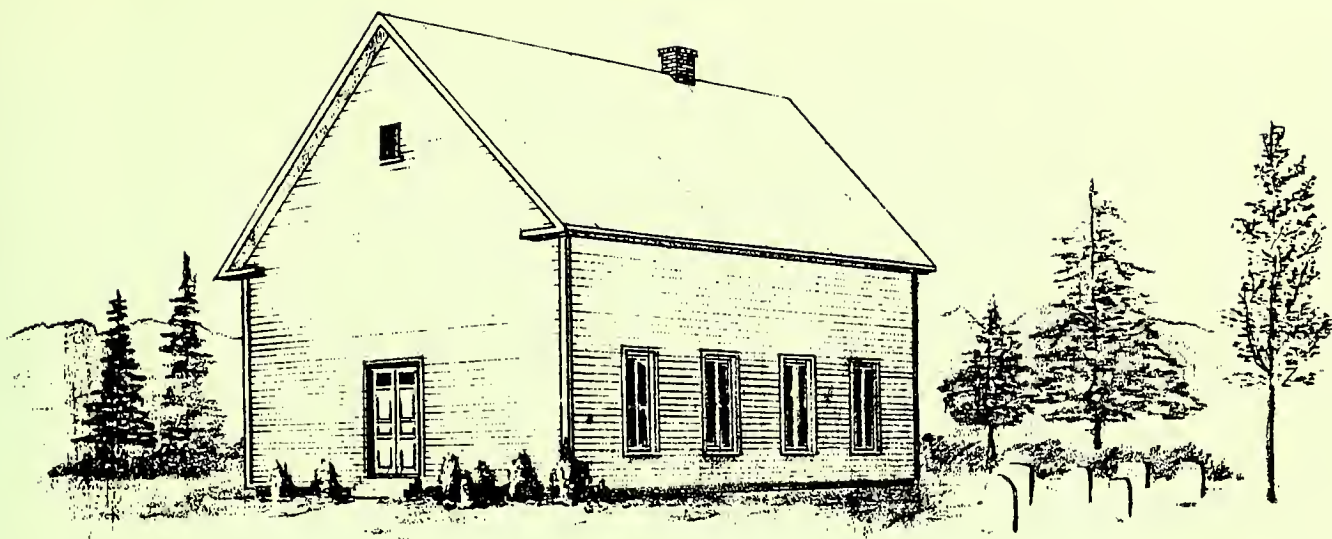


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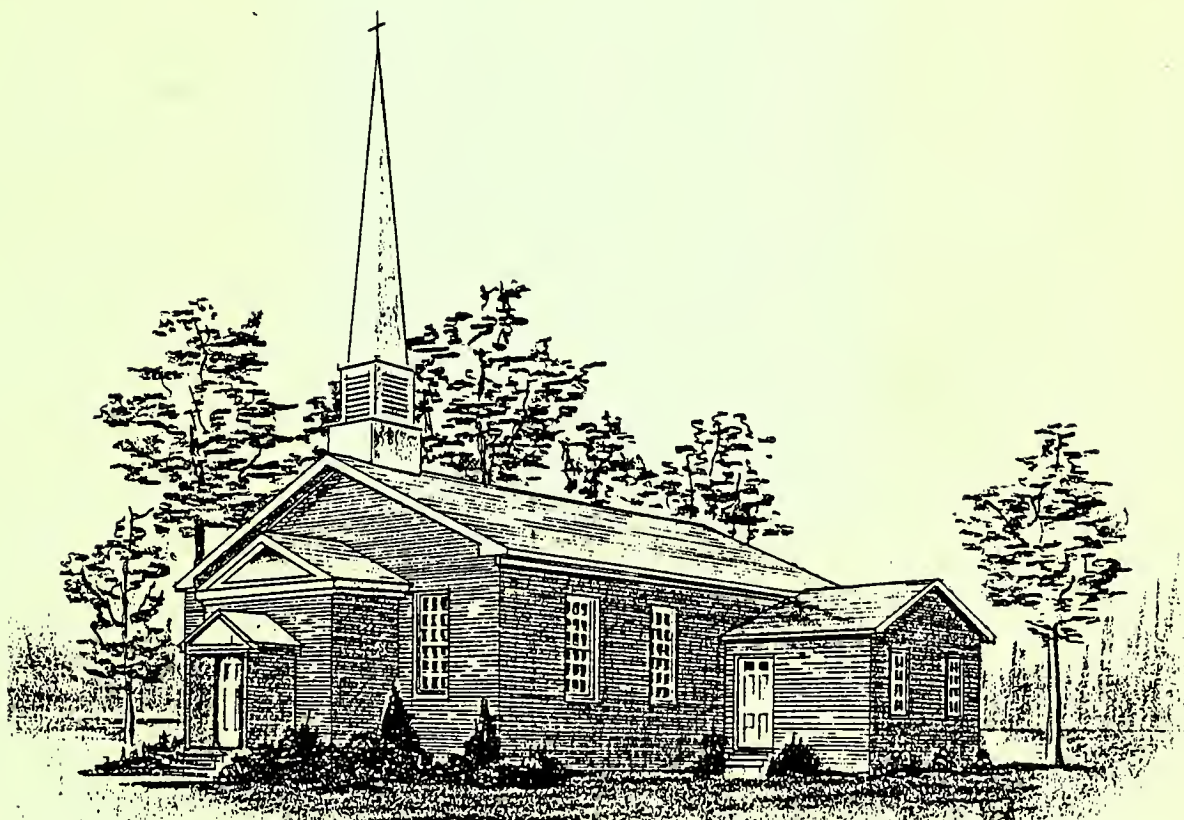


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JOE LOG BAPTIST CHURCH
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HISTORY OF BAPTIST CHAPEL

1245 BUCKHORN ROAD

SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND GEORGE T. STALLINGS
PASTOR

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A LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD TREE

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood tree grew to a towering size with a lovely hue. It's branches were strong and interwoven and for Christ's cross, it's timbers were chosen.

Being distressed at the use of the wood, Christ made a promise which still holds good:

Not ever again shall the dogwood grow to be large enough for such a tree, and so slender and twisted it shall always be with cross shaped blossoms for all to see.

The petals shall have blood stains marked in brown, and in the blossoms center, a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of me nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree,

Protected and cherished, this tree shall be a reflection to all of my agony.



Members of the church and friends of the community
who contributed to the history of Joe Log and Baptist Chapel
Church:

Ann Howard Carlyle

Malcolm Dickens

Helen Howard Holt

Connie Howard

Mary Lee Smith Mackey

Mary Lassiter Smith

Hubert Womack

Our appreciation goes especially to Ann Carlyle who spent
so much time gathering data and other information from many
people in the community. She has taken snapshots to help bring
this history up to date: to Francis Chester for the sketches of
Joe Log Church in the beginning and Baptist Chapel Church as
it is today: and to Dianne Chester and Emma Clegg for the typing
of this history.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This historical book on Baptist Chapel Church is just a brief summary of information and facts that have been collected and put together so that we might reflect upon our "Roots" as a church and a body of believers. With one hundred and seventeen years of history, there is no way we could know or reflect all that has gone on during that many years. It would be wonderful if we had a video tape that had recorded all the information over the years; but that was not possible, so we hope that what we have in this book will be helpful and inspirational to our younger members in the future.

We owe a tremendous gratitude to the original men and women for their hard work and determination to get Baptist Chapel Church on it's feet. The early years were during hard times when nothing came easy, but these founding men and women had a strong love for their God, and they endured by the great faith in their Lord Jesus Christ. They were spirited men and women who claimed God's promises.

Today, Baptist Chapel Church is financially secure, the physical structure of the church is sound, because we continue to be blessed by God. However, when our Lord returns, He will not take the finances nor the building; He will return for His people.

For this reason, my prayer is that in the future years, this body of believers will put the majority of emphasis upon the soundness of our spirituality as a church, for we are the church.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we look back at the history of Baptist Chapel Church, we should never forget that it was built by the spirit of christian love ,and if it is to prosper and continue to prosper, it will require that we show that same spirit.

In Christ Jesus

Reverend George T. Stallings Jr.



STALLINGS, GEORGE
& CARLA
JEFFREY, KIMBERLY



In the beginning was-----Joe Log Baptist Church:
Baptist Chapel Church, as we know it today, was³started around the year 1869, over 117 years ago. It was at that time called Joe Log Church. Due to the location of the county lines, the church was located in Moore County. No one knows why the name Joe Log was selected. There are several people living today who remember the church as it was then, although they did not attend church there. They attended school in the same building - after the members of the church moved to the present location.

The three people who remember it most clearly are Mr. Hubert Womack, Mr. Connie Howard, and Mr. Malcolm Dickens. Of these three people, we talked with, "Mr. Malcolm", as he is affectionately called, remembers it best. All three agree that the church was named Joe Log Baptist Church. Also that the church was begun by Mr. Elder C. Churchill. Mr. Churchill was a member of Muddy Spring Church, now known as Juniper Springs; thus the saying that Juniper Springs was the mother of Baptist Chapel.

Although Moore Union Christian Church was only a short distance from the location selected for Joe Log Church, travel then, to say the least, was slow and the denomination was Christian instead of Baptist, so began the formation of a new church. You would have been considered fortunate to have a horse and buggy to travel by. Many people walked for miles to attend the church of their choice, so the formation of Joe Log Church made a house of worship more accessible to the surrounding community.

The information presented here from 1896 to 1913 is based purely on what Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Womack, and Mr. Howard remember. We also

have gathered information from Elnora Howard, who remembers how the church looked. Apparently no records of any kind were kept on the activities of the church.

The sketch presented here was done by Francis Chester who attends Baptist Chapel Church. The sketch, although it is imaginary since there are no pictures available, depicts very well what the church must have looked like. The building consisted of one large room with rough hewn log benches. The sanctuary of the church also served as the Sunday school rooms. Heat in the winter was provided by a wood stove. The members cut and hauled the wood for heating and kept a plentiful supply on hand.

There is no accurate list of members of the church. The ones listed here were given to us by Mr. Malcolm Dickens and members of his family. Nodie Womack, Addie Burns Lett and May Dickens played the organ for the congregation to sing. There was no formal choir. Mr. Will Dickens led the singing. It was not known how often a month church was held, but it is assumed that the minister had several churches in his field and he had to divide his time between them. Because of the difficulty in traveling, no Wednesday night services were held. When your Sunday for church rolled around, it was considered to be a very important day and services were well attended.

Mr. Spence Burns, lay person attending Moore Union Church, filled the pulpit at Joe Log when Reverend Archie Campbell, the minister from Campbell College was not present. Mr. Campbell filled several pulpits at that time and the journey from Campbell College was quite a distance to come by horse and buggy. These men were dedicated to their God and to their church. No member was paid for their time

spent in performing their duties in the church. The minister received no set salary. Collection was taken up on the Sunday preaching was held. This amount was sufficient for all the weddings he performed, funerals he held, and visiting the sick and many other services he performed. The minister was "pounded" ever so often during the year. This meant that the church community gave a pound of meat, vegetables, potatoes, flour, and even clothing that the family could use. Anything the members had was shared with their minister.

Hymn books were few, and there were no trained voices, so the congregation was the choir. There was no Baptistry to use when a person joined the church. The nearest creek or river was used for this purpose. After you made a public confession of the Christian faith and was baptized, you were expected to follow the by-laws laid down by the church leaders. If you did not live up to these promises you were expelled from the church. If someone reported that a member had been drunk, in a brawl, using excessive profanity, or missing too many services, the member was called before the church leaders to give an explanation. If the explanation was not accepted you were expelled from the church. Women were expelled for adultery. Legend is that some members were turned out for trading horses on Sunday. Perhaps their interpretation of the Bible is considered outmoded in these modern times, but if you valued your church and wanted to worship your God there, you obeyed the rules made by the members from their interpretation of the Bible.

Joe Log Cemetery is still in the original place. According to Emma Burns, the land for the church and cemetery was given by Jim and Sally Pittman. Following is a list of the members and their families

who were buried there. Infant child of W. J. and M. L. Kelly 1920; Martha Dickens 1822-1918; Sallie Pittman 1853-1950; Louis Fred Measamer 1914-1971; Adath Kelly 1903-1926; William J. Kelly 1875-1955; Mary Black Kelly 1885-1962; Ruth Mamie Kelly Sloan 1904-1959; N. F. Smith 1854-1926; Adelaide D. Smith 1861-1917; Lassie Gilchrist 1897-1979; Charlie Gilchrist 1893-1979; five infant children of Lassie and Charlie Gilchrist. The upkeep of the cemetery today is questionable.

In 1913, perhaps because of an increase in membership, the members decided to build a new church. James R. Howard gave the land for this, and Baptist Chapel was built. Today we can only speculate as to why the name of Joe Log was dropped. The old building was left to be used as a one room elementary school. There are many people in the community today who remember attending school there. The building was later torn down and the lumber used for other purposes. This left only the cemetery as a reminder of the church that was once there.

MEMBERS OF JOE LOG BAPTIST CHURCH: (This is only a partial list)

Mr. George Dickens
Mrs. May Dickens
Mr. Murph Dickens
Mr. William (Will) Dickens
Mr. Arch Kelly
Mr. Bill Kelly
Mr. Jim Kelly
Mr. Tom Kelly
Mr. Jim Pittman
Mrs. Sallie Pittman
Mrs. Adelaide Smith
Mr. Nath Smith
Mrs. Dora Kelly Thomas
Mr. John T. Thomas
Mr. Jim Thomas
Mrs. Nodie Womack

Most of the members listed above were the head of large families, so it is reasonable to assume that all the family members also belonged to the church.

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Fifty seven years ago the church we know as Baptist Chapel was formed by the former members of Joe Log Church. Since Elder C. Churchill was formerly a member of Juniper Springs Baptist Church, and was instrumental in forming Joe Log Church. Juniper Springs is known as the mother of Baptist Chapel. Other men helping to form the church were; John T. Thomas, Thadeus (Fad) Thomas, Alexander (Alex) L. Smith, and James Robert (cousin Bob) Howard. According to Mr. Connie Howard, these men cut and hauled the logs to the mill where they were sawed into the lumber needed with which to build the church. The lumber was donated and the work on the church was done by members of the community. Mr. Connie Howard who gave us this information, and lives at a rest home here in Sanford, remembers how dedicated these men were. The first minister of the church was the Reverend T. Sloan Guy.

The following pages consist of the minutes of the church taken by James Robert Howard. It is interesting to note that even almost one hundred years ago, some people realized just how important it was to keep an account of the day to day happenings in the church. We are very fortunate to have these minutes. Even though some of the words are barely legible, you will be able to read enough to get the gist of what went on in the church from Sunday to Sunday.

Baptist C Chapel Church
met in regular conference
to transact the following
business, Baptist C Chapel
Associational letter was
filed read and approved by the
members of Baptist C Chapel
Church also the same
~~of previous~~ officers as of 1943
were ^{nominated} ~~appointed~~ to serve
for 1944, as there was no
other business, there ~~was~~
was motion to adjourn
conference.

This the 17th of Oct. 1943

Rev. C. E. Ruffin Mod.
Frank Winant C. C.

Baptist Chapel Church meeting
regular conference on the 3rd
Sun. in Oct. to transact the
following business, Baptist
Chapel's association letter was
read and approved by
the members of Baptist Chapel
Church. Also the same
officers were elected for 1943
as they had in 1942. As there
was no other business conference
was adjourned.

This the 15th of Oct. 1942

C. E. Phipps mod.
Frank Stewart C. C.

Baptist Church - Church Met
in regular conference on the
1st Sunday in Aug. to transact the
following business. Mr & Mrs
C. Karlene Gilchrist requested that
they secure their church letter
to join West End Baptist. Their
request was granted to join any
other church of the same faith
and order. As their business the
other business conference
adjourned.

This the 5th of Aug 1942

C. E. Puffin mod.
Francis Durant Sec.

1st Sun, May

Baptist Chapel met in regular conference on the 1st Sunday in May. The transaction at the preceding business it was moved that ~~Frank~~ Frank Stewart be nominated for church clerk. I was unanimously elected church clerk for the year 1943. Also ~~Frank~~ Roland Howard was nominated church treasurer & was unanimously elected church treasurer for the year 1943, as there was no other business, there was a motion to adjourn conference to the 3rd day of May 1943.

Rev. C. E. Ruffin, Mod.
Frank Stewart C. C.

Began to hold mtg in conference
 on the 1st Sunday in May
 to transact the following business: ^{at} ~~was~~ ^{that} ~~there~~
 that Bro Frank Harnett be
 nominated ~~as church clerk~~ & was
 elected church clerk for the year 1942
 & Bro Roland Harnett was nominated
 for church & was elected for
 the year 1942. As there was
 no other business there was a
 move to adjourn conference
 this the 3d day of May 1942

Rufus M. Odell
 Frank Harnett & C.

Nineteen hundred and forty one

Pastor Salary	\$ 140.00
Incidental	5.00
S. L. Literature	25.46
Church	1.00
Minister	2.00
Other objects	7.00
Total for Church work	50.46
Cooperative Program	17.11
Schools and College	11.29
Orphanage	9.00
Hospital	5.00
Aged Minister relief	3.00
Hundred thousand Club	8.00
Total for all Denominational Societies	53.46
Grand total of all Church and its organizations	\$233.86

Pastor W. D. Parker
F. R. Hamrick Sec. and Treas.

Nineteen hundred and forty

Postage

\$120.55

Ministerial Help

19.43

Sunday Literature

\$22.50

for Minutes

\$2.00

Total \$164.48

W.D. Cooky Postage

F.R. Howard Sec. and Treas.

Nineteen hundred and thirty nine a
Remodeling Program was Completed and paid
in full

Building Repairs - - - - - \$196.21

Pastor Salary - - - - - \$130.00

For Piano - - - - - \$ 80.00

Ministerial Help - - - - - \$ 15.00

Incidental - - - - - \$ 20.00

S.S. Literature - - - - - \$ 16.00

For music - - - - - \$ 1.50

Total \$473.71

H. D. Early Pastor

J. R. Howard Sec & Treas

1930 Rev John C. Aycock Pastor
Pastor Salary \$150.00
Held one week revival Rev C R Johnson
Helper paid to C R Johnson 42.00
To Baptist Hospital \$3.00 to Cooperative
Program \$16.00 for bulleting + repairs 150.00

1931 Rev John C. Aycock Pastor Salary \$100.00
To Mills Home \$6.00
To Baptist Hospital 33.00
To Cooperative Program \$12.00
for ministers 1 Ref Rev Watton Page
\$366.00

Rev John C. Aycock served church
from the year 1926 to year ending 1935.
Rev John W. Hammett was called to
serve as pastor in June 1935 and
began his work on July the first
Sunday 1936 Resigned Aug 1937

Rev Waddo Early began his Pastoral
Services Dec. 1937 Resigned
Jan. 1942.

1928 August Baptist Chapel Church
 was struck by lightning and burned
 down Pastor John C. Ayers and the
 members met at Concord Methodist
 Church on Sept. following and plans
 laid out to build pldges and
 donations were taken Oct. the work began
 to raise the money. Sawed? Feb 1929

1929 The building of the church began on the
 first Sunday in Apr. 1929 we held our
 first service in new church

Aug. 1929 Rev. C. R. Johnson held revival
 meeting for one week rec'd eight by
 baptism and great manifestation of the
 Holy Spirit through the community great
 revival in church work.

Cost Building	1250.00
Pastor Salary	150.00
Ministerial Help Rev. C. R. Johnson	52.00
Stute mission	2.00
S. S. Expenses	12.00
C. O. Operative Program	15.00
	\$148.00

1926

Church Expenses for the year 1926

Rev. John E. Ayres Pastor	150 00
Co-operative Convention Pledge	50 00
Baptis Asphorage	25 00
minis funds	3 00
S.S. Expenses	9 00
Recd. Members by Baptism	2
" " " " " " " " " " " "	1
Dismissed by letter	4

J. R. Howard, Sec

1927

1920

Baptist Chapel met on regular Conference
and the following business transacted
Bro. H. H. Stroup tendered his resignation
as Pastor to finish his course at Theological
Seminary Resignation was accepted.
And J. H. Johnson was appointed
as Pulpit Committee to secure a Pastor
for the church. Attention made to Bro.
Stroup in full to date \$87.00

~~Paid to Baptist Hospital \$3.44~~
Any Bro. C. R. Johnson of Hillsboro
was secured to hold revival meeting
beginning on the 3rd Sunday, great
manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Four additions by Baptism
220 by Restoration One by Letter

Free will offering to Bro. Johnson \$35.00
Paid to Baptist Orphanage 20.00
Incidentals 27.00
S. S. Expenses 10.00
Mount Friends 3.00
Baptist Hospital 8.41
Co-operative Convention Pledge 43.00

1924

Baptist Chapel met in Regular conference
the first Sunday in Apr. 1924 and the following
business Transacted. A. B. Kelly was returned and
granted letter to join with the Broadway church

Aug 1924 paid Rev Roy Morris for ministerial help 26 00

1924

H H Shanks Pastor
See dismissed by letter Ira Pitman
and wife Fannie Pitman
Thank offering for overboardage 27.26
Collection for Owen Monroch (over) 9.00

J R Haward cc

At Regular meeting Feb 1924 in conference
charges were brought against Ernie Smith
for violating the volstead act. and other
minor charges, and was excluded from
the fellow ship of Baptist Chapel Church
on motion that Baptist Chapel buy
paint and oil and have applied on
the Porroverge at Broad way was
unanimously carried and funds were
raised to pay for same

one barrel lbs of paint - \$14.00

five - gal. oil

for sent

7.07
\$14.00
8.57
\$21.57

H H Shanks Treasurer

J R Haward cc

1923

A. W. Stoupe Pastor

Recd by letter Jan 1923 J. S. Babynfle

1.50.01

paid to J. S. W. fund Apr 30.

2.50.01

Wm. D. Smith by letter & J. S. Babynfle

Recd by Baptism 16.

Recd by statement 2

Recd by return 2

Total in church 21

for J. S. W. out

14.3.00

1686

for airplane now thanks offering

2700

for airplane collection

1700

for ministerial help Fredy Thomsen

2065

for S. S. Expenses

2885

27536

Wm. D. Smith

2.00

27836

A. W. Stoupe Moderator

J. R. Howard C. C.

1922

Rev H M Hroupe Pastor

Recd by Baptism Belt Hatt

Set Alinded A.B. Kelly

Paid Pastor

150.00

Paid Thomsville Exfranchise

3192

Paid Wm

13.85

Paid Stock in Portonage at Broadway

1577

J. J. Thomas

1975-0

J. R. Howard

3000

J. R. Thomas

7820

Walter S Thomas

1900

A L Smith

3125

35645

J. R. Howard & Co

1919

For Thomsville or phorage

7321

Oct 1921	For	1015
	Porto Salary H M Group	150.00
	Building + repairs Roofing paint	50.00
	Sunday school expenses	2.00
	ministers fund	1.00
	State mission	5.00
	Home mission	5.00
	Foreign mission	5.00
	ministers relief	5.00

J P Howard C C
A M Group Pastor

On July the 31st 1923

At a special meeting at Baptist
Chapel Church Bro Fredy Thorne
of Juniper Springs Baptist church
was ordained for the Ministry

The Presberty consisting of Rev
Frank Hale of Jonesboro ne

Rev & C Lee of Sanford ne

Rev H M Group of Broadway ne

Rev McCall of Duke

On the 5-1923

J P Howard C C

Oct. and Nov 1918

Having been ordered by the Board of Health all services have been discontinued on account the spread of influenza which has swept off into thousands to the Great Beyond.

Having to close up our associational year with out Congregating has been a hard feature in providing funds for Pastor and our associational claims.

Amount paid for Pastor to date Nov 17-1918	\$110.00
" " " Home Miss.	144.22
" " " Stated	5.17
" " " Minister	1.00
" " " Orphanage	20.00

J. R. Howard C. C.

Aug 23

Elected for Season J. T. Thorne

" for church clerk and Treasr
J. R. Howard

Motion and second to adjourn
J. R. Harwood Ch. Clerk.

Daphnet Chopped Church met in Nov.
on first Sun, in Sept, 1918 Rev. Frank
Hare mod. transacted the following business:
Read by letter in full fellowship & a Sabatist-
() () () () () () Anna Stiller

Appointed the following delegates to association
to meet with Neil's creek church

J. T. Emond
J. P. Howard
J. M. Pitman
A. L. Smith

Motion record to adjourn
J R Hewant @ Mr. Clark

REGISTER OF OFFICERS.

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REGISTER OF OFFICERS.

OFFICE: <i>Deacon</i>				OFFICE: <i>Ch. Clerk</i>			
NAME	COMMENCED 1918	CLOSED	HOW CLOSED	NAME	COMMENCED 1918	CLOSED	HOW CLOSED
<i>A. A. Kelley</i>				<i>J. K. Howard</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>Dea</i>
<i>A. L. Smith</i>	<i>1918</i>			<i>J. H. - A. T. Co.</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>Dea</i>
<i>J. P. Thomas</i>	<i>1918</i>			<i>Frank Hinnant</i>	<i>1940</i>		
<i>J. L. & W. W. W. W.</i>	<i>1938</i>						
<i>W. L. Lickon</i>	<i>1938</i>						
<i>Roland Kelly</i>	<i>1938</i>						

Ministers of Joe Log Church and Baptist Chapel Church from
1871 to 1986:

Reverend H. D. Judd	1871 - 1873
Reverend A. N. Cambell	1875 - 1877
Reverend W. G. King	1877 - 1881
Reverend A. N. Campbell	1881 - 1882
Reverend H. W. Norris	1883 - 1884
Reverend Reuben Newton	1884 - 1885
Reverend W. G. King	1885 - 1896
Reverend S. W. Oldham	1897 - 1898
Reverend G. A. Bain	1899 - 1901
Reverend J. M. Arnette	1901 - 1902
Reverend B. Townsend	1903 - 1910
Reverend T. Sloan Guy	1911 - 1913
Reverend L. L. Hudson	1913 - 1918
Reverend Frank Hare	1918 - 1919
Reverend W. C. Baxley	1919 - 1920
Reverend H. M. Stroupe	1921 - 1925
Reverend J. E. Ascue	1925 - 1935
Reverend John Lambeth	1936 - 1937
Reverend W. D. Early	1937 - 1942
Reverend C. E. Ruffin	1942 - 1957
Reverend James Howell	1957 - 1959
Reverend Joe Bennett	1959 - 1963
Reverend O. G. Buchanan	1964 - 1966
Reverend Clyde Johnson	1966 - 1977
Reverend J. R. Estes	1978 - 1981
Reverend George T. Stallings	1981 -

Between the years 1919 and 1986, the pianists at Baptist Chapel were: Duayne Bennett, Stephanie Brown, Virginia "Jenny" Boggs Crissman, Lora "Sweet" Dickens, May Thomas Dickens, Denise Howard, Clara Howard Kelly, Linda Howard Patterson, Margaurite Thomas, and Ilene Smith Womack. Stephanie Brown is our present pianist. All of these ladies gladly donated their time and talent in the service of the church. Only once did a pianist have to be hired. These were Nancy Bradley and Pamela Womack. Our organist is Wendy Womack Thompson. *WELL: E Howard Weathers.*

The adult choir was organized in 1976. Previously, members attending church services were asked to come up and sit in the choir loft to form the choir. The song leader still led the singing and the whole congregation joined in. After a formal choir was formed, choir practice was held during the week, with a special song sung by the choir during each service. The choir enters the choir loft from the back of the church. After their special song is sung, the members take their seat in the congregation. The first choir directors were as follows: Clara Black Howard, Agnes Griffin McNeil, Vivian Currin McRae and Peggy Moss Womack. Clara Howard is our present director with Vivian McRae serving as assistant.

In 1976, Peggy Moss Womack organized the first youth choir. The ages ranged from 10 to 18 years. Choir practice was held once a week, beginning in the fall and continuing through spring. A special music program was presented by them once a month. The choir group belonged to Youth Rally, which was affiliated with Little River Baptist Association. Two delegates were appointed and attended meetings all through the year. They were also involved with, and attended, many

other activities; Spring Banquet, Haunted House, Sweet Heart Social, State Fair, White Lake outings, Carowinds, Super Citizens Banquet and Christmas parades. They went on night camping trips to the river, and had "Lock-Ins" in the fellowship hall, bake sales and sold candles and assorted cards. As a community project, the young people of the choir, under the supervision of Peggy, picked up trash along the road from Baptist Chapel to Broadway. They also visited the sick and elderly shut-ins.

In 1975, the youth choir won second prize in the Sanford Christmas parade. For this they received \$50.00. The theme of the float was "The Night The Animals Talked". In 1977 the choir presented a musical entitled, "They All Sang Jesus". This musical was received so well by all who saw and heard it, they were invited to several area churches to present it, including Roxboro Baptist, Moore Union Christian, and Hickory Mountain Baptist Church. Another musical in 1979, entitled "It's Cool In The Furnace" was also very popular and was enjoyed by all who heard and saw it.

Peggy had the support of many members of the church who served as chaperones and furnished transportation. Their one desire was to own their own bus. Although many members of the church did not see the need and did not support it, the young people were determined. With God's help, and many fund raising events, they raised enough money to purchase a school bus. Homer "Skip" Kelly painted the bus and made some changes on the inside. Peggy said that this was one of the greatest things the youth choir experienced during the time she was director. As you see, she really kept them busy and interested in the work of the church.

Feeling that the children in the age group under 10 years were not being involved enough in church activities, it was suggested that a choir for that age group be organized. In 1974, the Cherub Choir was organized by Mary Smith with any child under 10 years of age participating. Mary's assistants were Clara Howard and Ann Howard Carlyle. Practice was held every Saturday afternoon. The pianist was Denise Howard. Some of the directors of the Cherub Choir were as follows: Clara Howard, Ann Carlyle, Jerri Cain, Dianne Chester, Rhonda Kelly, Delores Patterson and Barbara Jean Dickens.

Between the years 1970 to 1972, new Sunday school rooms, rest rooms, water fountains, and the office were added. The desk in the office was given by Lois Parson, Eddie Parson and Jerry Lynn Parson in memory of their husband and father, respectively, Ed Parson. During the same period, the stained glass windows in the sanctuary were added. By the year 1975, the present fellowship hall was added and brick siding put on the sanctuary. Telephones were also installed.

The first homecoming was held in the fellowship hall in September of 1976. That same day, members gathered in the sanctuary for the afternoon song service and burned the note on the new addition to the church to signify that the fellowship hall and brick siding was paid for. The note was paid off one year after the money was borrowed.

Before the fellowship hall was built, dinners for homecoming were held outside on a long table between two large oak trees.

In 1977, the minister, Mr. Clyde Johnson resigned from the church leaving Baptist Chapel without a minister. Several members left the church at this time and went to Broadway Baptist. In 1978, Reverend J. R. Estes was called to be the pastor. He worked on his

doctorate while he was pastor and received his degree during that time. Dr. Estes resigned in 1979, forming his own church in Broadway, only a few miles from Baptist Chapel. Again several members of the church left with the minister to form a new church. The parking lot of the church was paved during the time Dr. Estes was pastor. Reverend George Stallings served in the church as layman for several weeks before accepting the call as pastor of the church. Previously, Baptist Chapel and two other churches, Broadway Baptist and Swanns Station Baptist, had joint ownership in the church parsonage, since all three churches were in the same field. In 1978, Baptist Chapel sold her share to the other churches and bought a house in Edgewater Estates located in Broadway.

In 1982, Baptist Chapel had their first Harvest Sale. This went over quite well with all the members contributing their time and crafts. Tickets were sold on a quilt made by Elnora Howard and quilted by the women of the church. Many articles were auctioned off at the end of the day with all the money going toward the building fund. With God's help and the help of the members of the church and people in the community, Baptist Chapel was out of debt.

In 1985, the deacons began having a deacons' breakfast every second Sunday of the month. These meetings served not only as a time of fellowship, with each other, but as a time of prayer for any person with a problem or sickness, as well as the discussion and prayer for any personal problem that any member had.

In 1986 the present storage building was added. The members have also started a needy fund. There is room in the Fellowship Hall to store canned food and a special offering is taken up the first Sunday in each month for that purpose.

In 1984, Rose Thomas and Clara Howard formed the first Sword Drill team. The members of each team are listed as follows: Youth group led by Rose Thomas - Robert Howard, Stephanie Brown, Martin Howard, Carla Howard, Paula Smith, Donna McRae, Tommy Howard. Since there was an age limit for the team, several of the young people were dropped from this group. These included Stephanie Brown, Robert Howard and Carla Howard. However, Robert Howard, Stephanie Brown and Carla Howard helped out with the Children's group led by Clara Howard. These members included: Julie Howard, Amy Dickens, Amber Dickens and Tara Carlyle.

Two members of the team passed the church drill and participated in the associational drill. From there they went on to the State drill which was held in Asheboro. These were Julie Howard and Tara Carlyle. They both won a certificate with a seal on it for winning the church drill, the associational drill, and the State drill. This was quite an accomplishment and the church was very proud of these girls, especially since this was their first experience.

Baptist Chapel belongs to The Little River Association, which is now called Southern Baptist. Looking back over the years, one can see that Baptist Chapel has had her "ups and downs", but by the grace of God, and many loyal members, she remains an active and thriving church today.

In August of 1928, Baptist Chapel Church was struck by lightning and burned. The building and all church records were lost. After the church was destroyed, the members started holding services in members' homes and at Concord Methodist Church, located one mile up the road from Baptist Chapel. Reverend J. E. Ascue was pastor during this time. The men in the community donated and cut the timber and helped to build the church back. Between the years 1929 and 1939, the church had been rebuilt in its present location. Church services were again being held twice a month for preaching, with Sunday school every Sunday. Since Mr. Ascue had several more churches in his field, services for Baptist Chapel were held in the afternoon.

Church officers were: John T. Thomas, Jordan (Thad) Thomas, Alexander (Alex) Smith, and James Robert Howard. These men were also teachers and deacons. Mr. James Robert Howard ("cousin Bob") was treasurer until his death in 1942. Frank Hinnant was nominated church clerk and served for a short while. Mr. Roland Howard, son of J.R. Howard, was elected treasurer and served until 1976. Homer (Skip) Kelly, grandson of James Robert Howard was elected treasurer in 1977 and served until 1980. Mr. Howard Griffin, another grandson was elected treasurer in 1981. Mr. Griffin still holds the position today. Many years later, after the first officers were elected and had served well, the members decided to appoint an assistant to the treasurer. Mary Sue Brown, John Mackey, and Ronnie Currin served in that capacity. Mr. Currin still holds the position today.

As the years passed and the church grew in membership, more officers were needed. Our present deacons who are now serving are: Tillman Howard, Edward Howard, Chris McRae, Rick Baylor, Joe Hinnant, Franklin Womack and Bill Smith.

Events, Activities and Improvements from the 1800's to 1986

- 1913 - 1940..... People who wished to join the church were baptised in ponds and creeks. Fall Creek and Kelly Mill Hole were popular streams used for this. In the mid-forties, area churches who had a baptistery invited the ministers of Baptist Chapel to use their facilities for this purpose.
- 1913 - 1942..... Many business meetings were held by the pastors and deacons, such as electing new officers, setting the budget of the church, and paying the pledges they had made in order to pay for the parsonage in Broadway.
- 1936..... The first Bible School was formed in 1936. This was held in the mornings. In later years, it was held in the afternoons. Today, it is held at night because of the workers in Bible School hold public jobs.
- 1947..... The pulpit chairs, table and stand were given by the children of Everette and Claudie Thomas in their memory.
- 1960..... Ed Parsons formed the first Baptist Training Union(BTU).
- 1968..... The first church custodian was hired. The position was held by Poland Howard. This position is now held by Elnora and Stanley Howard.
- 1971..... The Youth Choir was organized by Peggy Momack.
- 1969 - 1972..... Stained glass windows were added in the sanctuary. Two Sunday School rooms were added; office and rest rooms were also added.
- 1973..... In August of 1973 the members voted to remodel the sanctuary. The cost was around \$15,000. Enough money was raised by the members without having to borrow any.

- 1974..... The Cherub Choir was formed by Mary Smith. This Choir consisted of children from three to nine years of age.
- 1975..... The Fellowship Hall was built with brick siding added to the rest of the church.
- 1976..... Telephones were installed in the office and the Fellowship Hall. In September of 1976, the first Homecoming was held in the Fellowship Hall. After the dinner was over, before the song service, a "note burning" was held signifying that the building was paid for.
- 1978..... The organ was donated by the children of Alex and Lela Smith in their memory. The parking lot was also paved.
- 1983..... Harvest Sales were held in order to add money to the building fund. Recognition was given to each person with a birthday, a penny for each year being added to the general fund.
- 1984..... The Cemetery Fund was started, the floor in the sanctuary was replaced and new carpet installed. New hymnals were placed in the church in memory of, and in honor of, loved ones. A vestibule was added to the front of the church.
- 1985..... The Deacons' breakfasts were started.
- 1986..... The Needy Fund was established. This fund is used for any deserving person, whether or not they were members of the church. A new utility building was added. The cross in the choir loft was made by Wade Johnson, and given in memory of Frank Stewart by his family.

Deacons From 1918 to 1986

Rick Baylor
Deas Dickens
Johnny Gene Dickens
Malcolm Dickens
Randy Dickens
Carl Elkins
Howard Griffin
Mack Griffin
Frank Hinnant
Joe Hinnant
Bobby Howard
Edward Howard
James Robert Howard
Stanley Howard
Tillman Howard
A. A. Kelly
Homer (Skip) Kelly
Gattis (Junior) Kelly
Ray McNeil
Chris McRae
A. L. Smith
William (Bill) Smith
Fred Spivey
Henry Stewart
Arch Thomas
John D. Thomas
J. T. Thomas
Selby Thomas
Thaddeas Thomas
Franklin Womack

Members that have held positions for 10 years or longer:

Mary Sue Brown
Ann Carlyle
Deas Dickens
Malcolm Dickens
Mack Griffin
Frank Hinnant
Clara Howard
Edward Howard
Elnora Howard
Stanley Howard
Tillman Howard
Theima Kelly
Brenda Smith
Selby Thomas
Peggy Moss Womack

Members holding positions 25 to 50 years:

Mamie Buchanan
Fannie Griffin
Helen Holt
Bobby Howard
James Robert Howard
Roland Howard
Stella Howard
Alex Smith
John T. Thomas
Thaddeus Thomas
Franklin Womack

Bobby Howard held the position of honorary deacon until his death this year.

Bobby held the office as deacon for 42 years.

At one time, the church treasurer also did all the secretarial work. That office is now divided into church secretary and church treasurer. Our past secretaries are listed below:

Grace Howard Boggs

Jerri Kelly Cain

Ann Howard Carlyle

Eula Belle Dickens

Helen Howard Holt

Judy Lane Howard

The secretaries serving in 1986 are: Brenda Dickens Smith and Mattie Belle Stewart. Assistants are Barbara Jean Dickens and Franklin Womack.

Baptist Chapel once had only five Sunday school classes. They were: Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and the Adult class. The Sunday school teachers were dedicated Christians serving for many years. Helen Howard Holt taught the Primary class for 50 years; Mamie Howard Buchanan taught the Juniors for 25 years; Fannie Howard Griffin taught the Intermediate class for 50 years; Grace Howard Boggs taught the Beginner class until she married and moved her membership to another church. The Adult class was taught by Alex Smith for 50 years. Mr. "Alex" was also Sunday school superintendent and song leader. He held an office in the church until he was unable to attend because of poor health. Mr. Selby Thomas taught the Adult class after the death of Mr. "Alex". Selby held the position until 1985. The present teachers and their classes are listed below. The Young Married Class was formed by Mrs. Stella Howard. She taught the class until she was unable to attend due to declining health.

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH
OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
1985 - 1986

Sunday School Director	Franklin Womack
Assistant	Bill Smith
Adult I	Tillman Howard
Assistants	Joe Hinnant, Larry Simpson
Adult II	Thelma Kelly
Assistant	Betty Johnson
Young Teens (Girls & Boys, ages 13 to 18)	Rick Baylor
Assistants	Alvin Dickens, Sue Kelly
Juniors (ages 9 to 12)	Vivian McRae
Assistant	Donna Howard
Primary	Mary Sue Brown
Assistant	Donna Baylor
Beginners	Carla Howard
Assistant	Mildred Hinnant
Nursery	Ruby Dickens
Assistants	Janet Hunter, Bobbie Simpson
Church Clerk & Treasurer	Howard Griffin
Assistant	Ronnie Currin
Financial Secretary	Brenda Smith
Custodian	Elnora Howard
Assistant	Stanley Howard

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

1985 - 1986

(cont.)

VBS Director	Vivian McRae
Assistant	Bobbie Simpson
Trustees	Bobby Howard Chris McRae Franklin Womack
Ushers	Chairman - Edward Howard
Assistants	Jason Howard Robert Howard Shawn Hunter Chris McRae Craig McRae
Nominating Committee	Chairman - Rick Baylor Bonnie Currin Janet Hunter Peggy Womack
Church Pianist	Stephanie Brown
Assistant	Vivian McRae
Church Organist	Wendy Thompson
Sunday School Secretary	Brenda Smith
Assistants	Barbara Dickens Mattie Belle Stewart Franklin Womack
Sunday School Chorister	Franklin Womack
Assistant	Bill Smith

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH
OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

1985 - 1986

(cont.)

Music Director	Clara Howard
Assistant	Vivian McRae
Junior Choir & Cherub Choir Director	Barbara Dickens
Youth Directors (ages 13 to 18)	Donna Baylor Rick Baylor Wendy Thompson
Budget & Finance Committee	Barbara Dickens Howard Griffin Edward Howard Chris McRae Bill Smith
Building & Grounds	Chairman - Mary Lee Mackey Edward Howard Junior Hunter
Pulpit Committee	Chairman - Franklin Womack Chris McRae Vivian McRae Brenda Smith
Benevolence Committee	Deacon Board
Flower Committee	Deacon Board

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH
OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
1985 - 1986
(cont.)

Christmas Program

Jerri Cain
Dianne Chester
Francis Chester
Janet Hunter

Music Committee

Music Director
Youth Choir Director
Sunday School Chorister
Church Pianist
Organist
Junior & Cherub Choir Directors

Homecoming Committee

Edward Howard
Elnora Howard
Stanley Howard
Mary Lee Mackey

Fund Raising Committee

Alvin Dickens
Junior Dickens
Tony Dickens
Sammy McNeil

Chef Committee

Junior Hunter
Chris McRae

Sword Drill Director

Rose Thomas

ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS FROM PAST TO PRESENT

Faye Dickens Banton

Janet Driggers Hunter

Donna Baylor

Thelma Kelly

Rick Baylor

Agnes McNeil

Mary Sue Brown

Beulah Thomas McNeil

Ann Howard Carlyle

Ray McNeil

Bonnie Currin

Vivian McRae

Mamie Dickens

Mary Lee Mackey

Howard Griffin

Beulah Smith

Mack Griffin

Bill Smith

Frank Hinnant

Brenda Smith

Clara Howard

Hazel Smith

Elnora Howard

Fred Spivey

Judy K. Howard

Mattie Belle Stewart

Judy L. Howard

Rena Thomas

Robert Howard

Ruby Thomas

Stanley Howard

Selby Thomas

Tillman Howard

Franklin Womack

Wilma (Dot) Howard

Peggy Womack

In memory of the members of Baptist Chapel Church:

Beulah Dickens
Damon Dickens
Elsie Dickens
Jarvis Dickens
Mamie Dickens
May Dickens
Perry Dickens
Rufus Dickens
Sammy Dickens
Vonie Dickens
Frank Hinnant

Lamon Holt
Robert Holt
Sally Holt
Bobby Howard
James Howard
John Howard
Judy Howard
Roland Howard
Stella Howard

Clara Kelly
Ira Kelly
Roland Kelly
Wilbur Kelly

Ellen King
Frank King

Virginia Lett

John Mackey

Edd Parsons

Alexander Smith
Ennis Smith
Lela Smith
Lou Smith

Doug Stewart
Emory Stewart
James Stewart
Mollie Stewart
Vastie Stewart

Allie Thomas
Arch Thomas
Dewey Thomas
Dora Thomas
Erwin Thomas
Gordon Thomas
Grant Thomas
James Thomas
John T. Thomas
John Thomas
Johnny Thomas
Jordon Thomas
Levi Thomas
Mallie Thomas
Mattie Thomas
Nead Thomas
Prentice Thomas
Rena Thomas
Ronie Thomas

In memory of the members of Baptist Chapel Church (cont.):

Glenn Wilson

Agnes Womack

Arch Womack

Emory Womack

James Robert Womack

Layton Womack

Lester Womack

Sidney Womack



THE FIRST WEDDING HELD IN BAPTIST CHAPEL
WAS PERFORMED BY MR C.E. RUFFIN.THE BRIDE WAS GENNY
LOU WOMACK,THE GROOM WAS DAN DAWKINS .THE CEREMONY
WAS HELD ON CHRISTMAS DAY,DECEMBER 25,1955.



PICTURES FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL PAMPHLET USED
IN THE PRIMARY CLASS



HELEN HOWARD HOLT AND HER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ON A PICNIC___ 1950

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT___ BEULAH LEE DICKENS SMITH
JUDY DICKENS MARTIN AGNES GRIFFIN McNEILL JOE HINNANT
JENNY LOU WOMACK DAWKINS BOBBIE DICKENS McNEILL
TILLMAN HOWARD AND STANLEY HOWARD.



MAMIE HOWARD AND HER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON A
PICNIC----- 1955

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT-----FRONT ROW--MAMIE
FRANKLIN WOMACK HOWARD GRIFFIN DAMON DICKENS
JOHN WESLEY WOMACK AND WILBER KELLY

BACK ROW---ELMA THOMAS NELLIE HOWARD WEATHERS
LAVURNE HOWARD SEAGROVES AND GRACE HOWARD BOGGS.



Phyllis Thomas (right) missionary to Chile, talks about her life in the country with an old friend, JoAnn Thomas, who introduced her at Tuesday night's meeting. Phyllis did her practice teaching at Broadway School with JoAnn.

In Chile Thomas' main missionary assignment involves working with youth from ages 12 through 16 in six different churches.

She teaches two Sunday School classes and is in charge of a children's club. In working with the youngsters, she helps them prepare devotions for church, teaches them the foundations of the Bible, shows them how to use puppets to present Biblical stories and to demonstrate various morals. The club meets in the mornings and afternoons during the week, and participants go to schools, orphanages and other places to present the puppet programs.

She also meets with a women's group and pointed out that all the women love to go to church, especially since it is the "only social function."

In her interactions with the people she calls upon her knowledge of Spanish which she learned in Costa Rica in preparation for her missionary work.

Thomas started out as a teacher after graduating from Campbell University in 1966. She did her practice teaching at Broadway School with fifth grade teacher JoAnn Thomas, who introduced her at Tuesday night's meeting.

She taught fifth grade at Jonesboro School two years and then joined the Foreign Mission Board for a two-year stint as a "journeyman" in Guadeloupe in the French West Indies. She had taken French in high school and college and said she adapted easily to the different language.

In 1970 she went to Southeastern Seminary at Wake

Forest and received a master's degree in religious education and two years later took the position of director of education and youth at Grove Park Baptist Church in Burlington. She stayed there for four years before going to Costa Rica.

She went to Costa Rica to learn the language after taking a four-month orientation program at Calloway Gardens, Ga. After returning from Costa Rica, she left in 1978 for Chile and stayed there for three years and then came to Harnett County for a year in 1981-1982.

In Chile Thomas is provided with a house and car by the Foreign Mission Board, which is financed by donations from various individuals and groups in the United States, including several in the Central Carolina area.

The Mission Board is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and gets a lot of support from various churches, including Antioch Baptist Church near Marners, where Thomas is a member.

She told the homemakers: "I am a product of your giving. The Lord calls but you send me."

The Chilean people have "total religious freedom" and Thomas is sharing her understanding of Christianity with them.

She is enjoying her four-month vacation but she looks forward to returning to Chile and continuing to help the people learn about religion.

Thomas doesn't mind the lack of luxuries in this foreign country. "One's happiness is not found in surroundings but by living and doing God's will," she said.

Missionary Phyllis Thomas

discusses life in Chile

Harnett County native Phyllis Thomas has spent six years in "the driest desert in the world" in Chile — Atacama — and is taking a break to spend time with family and friends. She is living with her parents, Emily and Neill B. Thomas on Route 3, Lillington until she returns to Chile in March.

During this time she is speaking to church and community groups, including some which have supported her missionary work in Chile. On Tuesday night she presented a program for the Broadway Extension Homemakers Club at Broadway Community Building.

Thomas said Chile is called the string bean country since it is narrow and long. It is 220 miles wide and 2,000 miles long.

Where she lives, in the town Antofagasta, there is no record of rainfall. She said water is piped in 200 miles from Bolivia.

Chile is divided into 12 different regions and the climate varies from north to south. In the southern part, the weather is cold, whereas the climate in the north is "very pleasant."

Thomas said the school year runs differently there and classes are conducted from March to November and then they have summer vacation.

"Christmas is a hot, hot time and is celebrated by taking a picnic lunch to the beach," she said.

In the north the "temperature never gets to freezing" and the coldest months are June, July and August. Thomas said she never wears heavy clothes but is sometimes chilled by the cold sea breeze.

Thomas told the extension homemakers and their husbands: "Let's go to Chile by way of slides" and presented scenes depicting the way of life in the country.

She showed how most houses are made from cinder blocks and then covered with cement and rarely have vegetation in the yards. "Chile doesn't have much greenery but the desert has a beauty all its own."

She noted that sometimes one can see a full moon and the sun at opposite ends of the horizon.

The houses are simple and contain little wood since termites are a major concern there. There are many "Johnny-house-type bathrooms"

The people prefer apartments and even the houses are usually connected with each other. Marriage makes few changes in the newlyweds' lifestyle since in the typical family, "no one moves out, the couple moves in and everyone lives together."

She said the Chileans seem to like the crowded situation and she has seen as many as nine beds in one room — three in stacks of three.

This intimate family setting is good for the elderly since their children and descendants take care of them, she said.

Despite the lack of space, the houses are "extremely clean."

There is no welfare system and the government hires people who need jobs. "If you want to eat, you work," she said.

There are 11 million people in the small country and 200,000 in the town where she lives.

The average family has about nine people, and all

births are free of charge. The government also provides free powdered milk to pregnant women and to children from birth to six years old.

There is also "social medicine," and if people are willing to wait in the long lines, they can get their medicine free.

The country is ruled by a military dictatorship and there is little violence and a low crime rate, she said.

There are no grasslands for cattle, but there are grazing lands for sheep in some areas — and goats can be seen eating what they find, she said.

Chile has the "largest open pit copper mine in the world" and has a lot of the stone called green onyx according to Thomas. It is well-known for its "deep water harbor fishing" in the Pacific Ocean, she said.

While the ocean is nearby, usable water is scarce. In fact, it is rationed to the point that Thomas gets only two soup-size cans of water daily for washing and rinsing herself.

This is not as bad as it seems since the people go swimming almost every day and use their bath water just to rinse off the salt, she noted.

But they get more water for the preparation of the food, which is trucked in daily. There are plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, but canned and frozen goods are rare.

She said the women cook from scratch daily because there are few refrigerators for preserving food. The elementary schools have two shifts of students, some in the morning and some in the afternoon, and they are closed for lunch since there are no cafeterias.

Thus, a mother rarely works outside the home due to the demands of food preparation.

Thomas said breakfast is light, usually a sandwich made from a hard bread similar to a hamburger bun with cheese, and the evening meal may be the same or just bread, butter and jelly.

But the big meal of the day is lunch and has several courses. First they eat a salad topped with mayonnaise and a lemon wedge — or they may have soup (which is made from fish head if fish is the main entree). This meal features a protein — often fried fish or baked chicken — and rice and potatoes. Dessert is a fruit or mixed fruit.

She said Chile is famous for its grapes and apples.

The school grading system is unique, and students are not separated according to age but ability. The students take entrance exams and go into whatever grade they qualify for, she pointed out.

Thomas said the high school is comparable to a college here and students are required to take two foreign languages and physical education yearly.

"The students are very competitive," and this may be due partly to the rule that they can only take the SAT twice for college.

On the college level "the educational system is very, very excellent," she said.

The main form of transportation is the bus, and students can use them for a reduced fee.

There are few cars and phones but most Chileans own TVs and cassette recorders. They prefer TVs to refrigerators, she said.

Baptist Chapel Church Shows Improvements Completed Recently

Baptist Chapel church, located about five miles from Broadway, was dedicated Sunday. Services were held in the morning and afternoon, with dinner served at mid-day on the grounds.

Services are continuing at the church through Friday of this week, with Rev. Walter Page of Fuquay Springs, speaker at the afternoon service Sunday, in charge, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

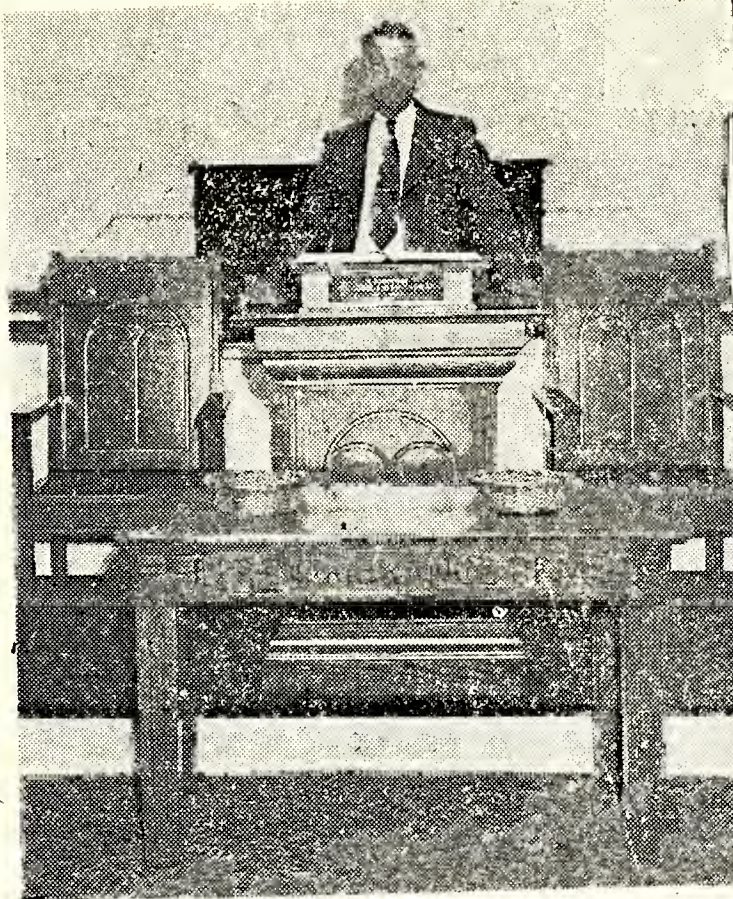
The message at the morning service Sunday was brought by Dr. Harvey E. Gibson, member of the staff of the General Board of the State Baptist convention.

Noticeable at the church were the new light oak pulpit, table and chairs, pictured on this page, which were given as a memorial for their mother by the family of E. C. Thomas.

A plaque on the memorial pulpit carries the inscription, "In memory of Carrie Smith Thomas. 1881-1947."

Rev. C. E. Ruffin, pastor of the church, who is also pastor of the Broadway Baptist church, is shown at the new pulpit in the picture. Rev. Mr. Ruffin took part in both services conducted at the church Sunday.

Although the church has been built for several years, recent addition of two Sunday school rooms was made and a series of interior improvements were completed. Because the interior had never been completed, the church



REV. MR. RUFFIN AND MEMORIAL FURNITURE

had not been dedicated previously.

First Church Burned

The first Baptist Chapel church was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. T. Sloan Guy of Broadway. When this church, which was located at Pleasant Ridge, was struck by lightning and burned in 1928, Dr. John E. Ayscue, now professor of history and government at Campbell college, was pastor.

Following the loss of their house of worship, the congregation met in the auditorium of the Concord Methodist church and began plans for the erection of a new building.

Building of the church dedicated on Sunday began on the first Sunday in April, 1929, and the structure was sufficiently completed for use in August, 1929, when the first service in it was held.

At that time Rev. C. R. Johnson conducted a revival meeting and eight persons were receiving for membership by Baptism.

Pastors

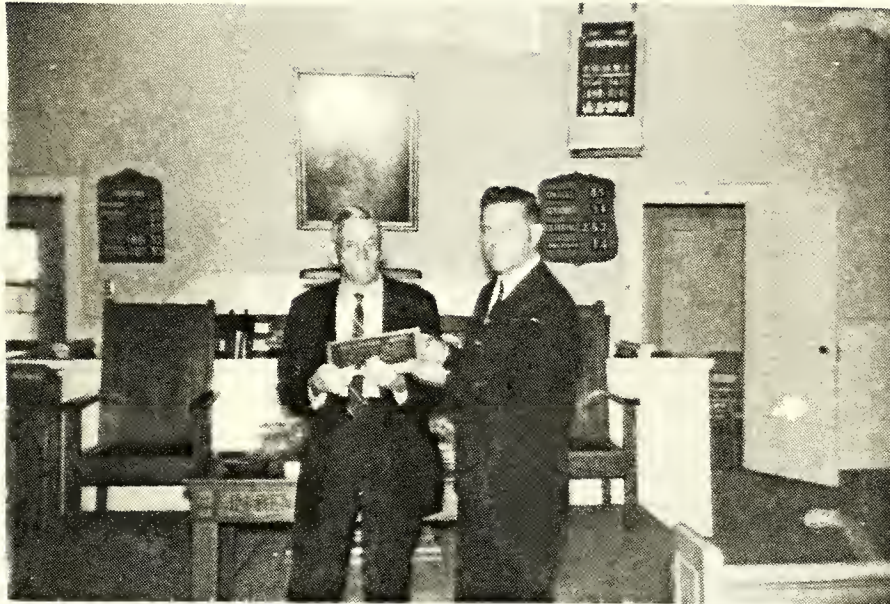
The following pastors have served the church: Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Rev. L. L. Hudson (deceased), Rev. A. C. Baxley (deceased), Rev. Frank Hare, Rev. H. M. Stroup, now pastor of the Franklin Heights Baptist church, Kannapolis; Rev. John Lambert, now pastor First Baptist church, Mount Olive; Dr. John E. Ayscue, Rev. Waldo Early, now at Roseboro, and the present pastor, Rev. C. E. Ruffin.

Charter members of the church were: Mr. and Mrs. Arch Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens and Mrs. N. A. Smith.

The church, never large in number of members, had the never-failing support of the late John R. Howard who served as Sunday School superintendent and clerk through the years, and the present superintendent, Deacon Alex Smith.

Rowland Howard is the church treasurer and Frank Hinnant church clerk. The deacons are Alex Smith and Johnnie Thomas.

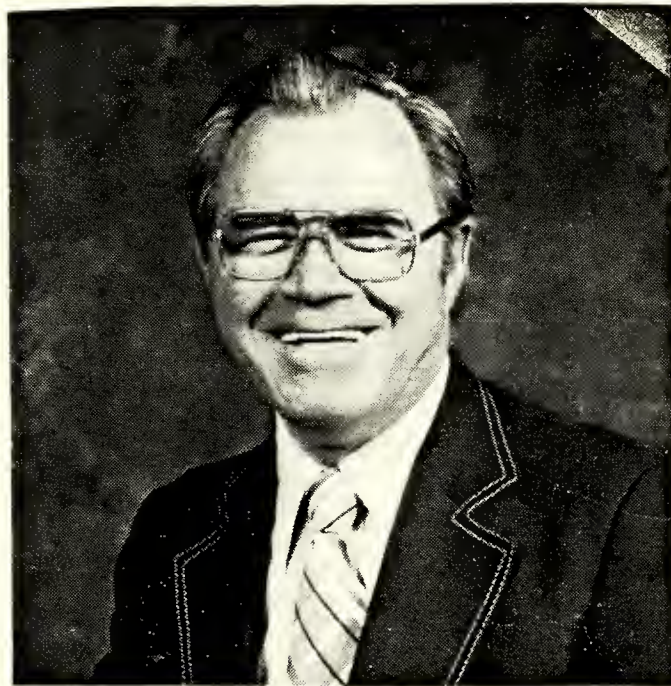
At Sunday's dedication services, the choir was composed of members of the Broadway, Holly Springs and Baptist Chapel churches. Several selections were rendered by the Matthews quartet of Sanford. A special musical selection was "The Stranger of Galilee," sung by Mrs. William H. Darden, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Burgess at the piano. Both are residents of Broadway.



IN 1968 MR. ALEXANDER (ALEX) SMITH WAS HONORED FOR
HAVING SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DEACONS FOR 50 YEARS. SHOWN
ABOVE IS MR. SELBY THOMAS PRESENTING MR ALEX WITH A PLAQUE
COMMEMORATING THE EVENT.

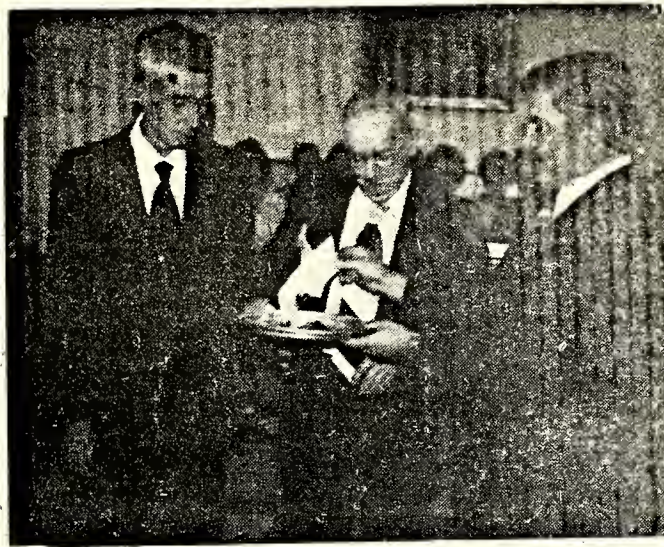


REVEREND . C.E. RUFFIN
1942--1956



REVEREND CLYDE JOHNSON

1966---1977



Deas Dickens (left), Bobby Howard (center) and Franklin Womack, trustees of Baptist Chapel Church on Rt. 10, Sanford, participate in a note-burning ceremony, signifying the end of payments on the church fellowship building.



Fannie Griffin, left, and Helen Holt hold the plaques given to them by Henry Simpson (center), Baptist Associational Missionary from Lillington, in ceremonies recently at the Baptist Chapel Church, for 50 years of service as Sunday School teachers. Both women live on Rt. 10, Sanford.

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
PARSONAGE





THE BODY OF THE CHURCH



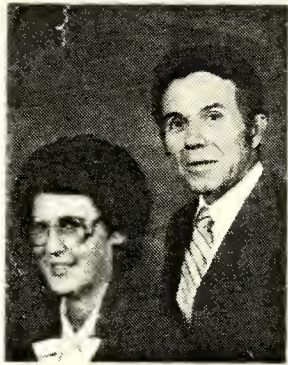
COMMUNION TABLE



STEPHANIE BROWN PIANIST



WENDY WOMACK THOMPSON ORGANIST



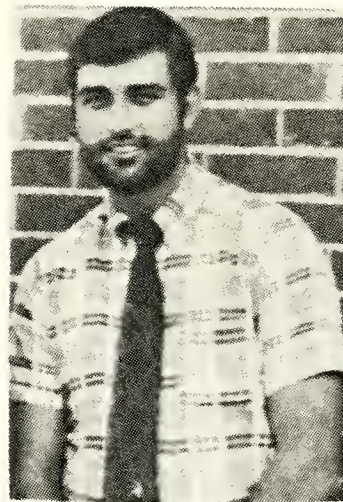
BRENDA SMITH (SUNDAY SCHOOL
SECRETARY)
BILL SMITH (SUNDAY SCHOOL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR)



(MATTIE BELLE STEWART
{SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY)



HOWARD GRIFFIN (CHURCH CLERK
AND TREASURER)



RONNIE CURRIN (ASSISTANT CLERK
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PEGGY AND FRANKLIN
WOMACK

PEGGY ORGANIZED THE FIRST
YOUTH CHOIR

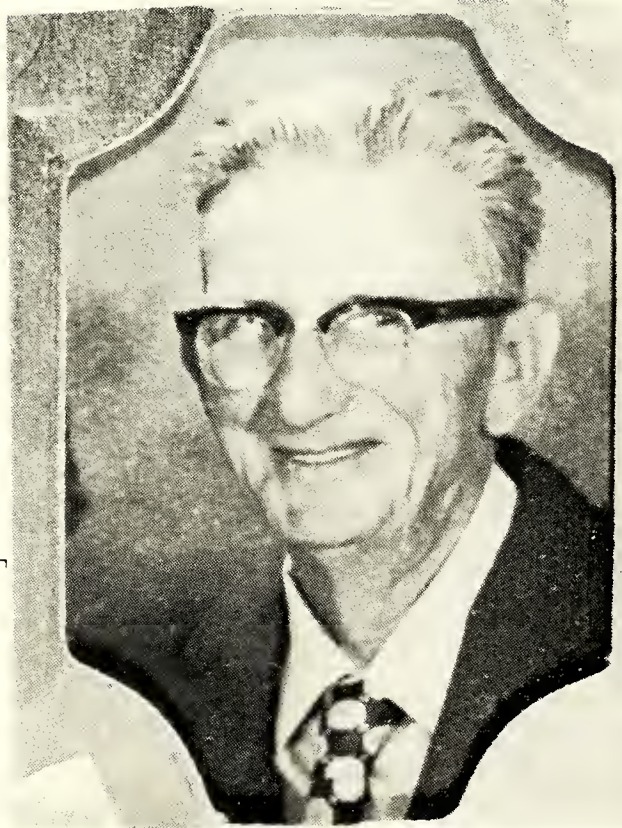


FRANKLIN WOMACK
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR



ELNORA HOWARD

ELNORA AND ROLAND SERVED AS THE
FIRST CUSTODIANS UNTIL HIS DEATH.
ELNORA AND STAN HOWARD STILL HOLD
THAT POSITION. ROLAND SERVED AS
TREASURER FOR APPROXIMATELY 35
YEARS.



ROLAND HOWARD

BAPTIST CHAPEL YOUTH CHOIR



TARA CARLYLE ALLISON DICKENS AMY DICKENS
JULIE HOWARD DACHIA HUNTER MARTIN HOWARD
DONNA McRAE STEPHANIE BROWN (PIANIST) RICK BAYLOR
RICK BAYLOR DIRECTS THE CHOIR



MARY SUE BROWN
DIRECTOR OF CHERUB CHOIR



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
JERMAIH CURRIN DANA KENNEDY CRYSTAL GILLIS CASEY KENNEDY
CHRISTY CURRIN AMY DICKENS MARY SUE BROWN STEPHANIE BROWN
BRAD CARLYLE ALLISON DICKENS AMBER DICKENS



ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR AND HER ASSISTANT
CLARA HOWARD VIVIAN McRAE



MEMBERS OF ADULT CHOIR

BONNIE CURRIN CLARA HOWARD WILMA HOWARD ELNORA HOWARD
MARY LEE MACKEY BILL SMITH BRENDA SMITH TILLMAN HOWARD
PEGGY WOMACK HOWARD GRIFFIN MARY SUE BROWN STEPHANIE BROWN
FRANKLIN WOMACK JANET HUNTER RICK BAYLOR DONNA BAYLOR

OLDEST AND YOUNGEST MEMBERS



MR. MALCOM DICKENS
96 years



MRS EVA WOMACK
86 years



BOBBI LYNN McNEILL

BORN SEPTEMBER 1986

USHERS



SHAWN HUNTER ELMER HUNTER JR. CHRIS McRAE
 ROBERT HOWARD JASON HOWARD EDWARD HOWARD
 CRAIG McRAE(not pictured)

DEACONS



TILLMAN HOWARD JOE HINNANT BILL SMITH
 RICK BAYLOR FRANKLIN WOMACK EDWARD HOWARD
 CHRIS Mc RAE



TARA CARLYLE JULIE HOWARD
WINNERS OF BIBLE SWORD DRILL



MEMBERS OF YOUTH GROUP
TARA CARLYLE JULIE HOWARD DACIO HUNTER
DONNA McRAE DONNA BAYLOR(DIRECTOR) EMILY POKEMIRE(DIRECTOR)
BENNY POKEMIRE WENDY THOMPSON(DIRECTOR) CARLA HOWARD
MARTIN HOWARD STEPHANIE BROWN CRAIG McRAE SHAWN HUNTER
TOMMY HOWARD RICK BAYLOR(DIRECTOR)

PICTURES OF THE FLOAT ENTERED IN THE CHRISTMAS
PARADE IN 1979 AND IN 1981.



1979



1981

CHERUB CHOIR
AT THE ZOO---6-24-1978



HELPERS AT THE YOUTH
GROUP BANQUET--
LOIS PARSONS
MYRNA ESTES
CARLYLE
PEGGY WOMACK
WILMA (DOT) HOWARD



READING FROM LEFT TO
RIGHT---MARTIN HOWARD
ROBERT HOWARD AND TOMMY
HOWARD



REVEREND GEORGE
STALLINGS AT PIZZA TIME
THEATRE IN RALEIGH



CHERUB CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT--

CASEY KENNEDY CRYSTAL THOMPSON

KELLY PATTERSON DANELLE THOMAS

BRADLEY CARLYLE JEREMY CURRIN

DIRECTOR: VIVIAN McRAE



BRADLEY CARLYLE CHRISTY CURRIN

JEREMY CURRIN JULIE HOWARD

TARA CARLYLE



BRENT PATTERSON DANA KELLY(MARY)

BRADLEY CARLYLE DANELLE THOMAS

JEREMY CURRIN(JOSEPH) KELLY

PATTERSON CASEY KENNEDY



ANN CARLYLE

LOIS PARSONS



REGGIE THOMAS



SUE KELLY

MELBA McNEILL



MARY SUE BROWN

FRANKIE SUE KENNEDY

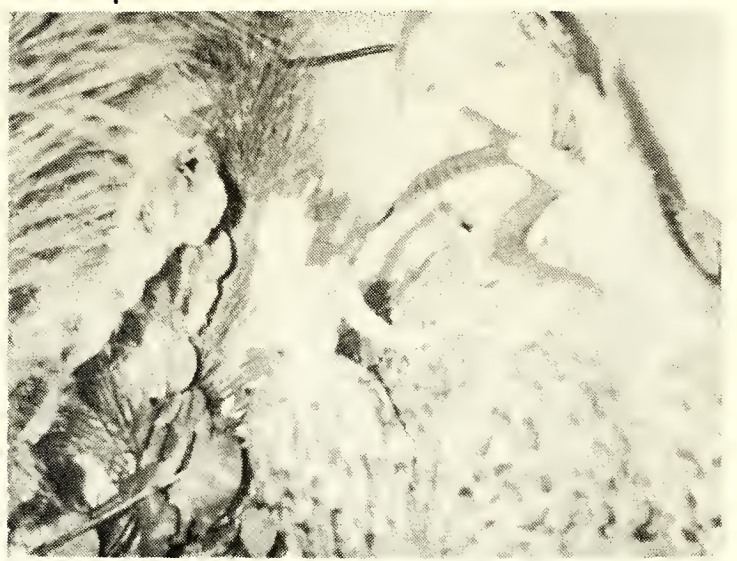
CLARA HOWARD



THE HAUNTED HOUSE

HALLOWEEN 1981

SUE KELLY---PLAYING
WITH SNAKES???



TONY KENNEDY
KENT GILLIS
SAMMY McNEILL



MELBA McNEILL
SUE KELLY



ANN CARLYLE

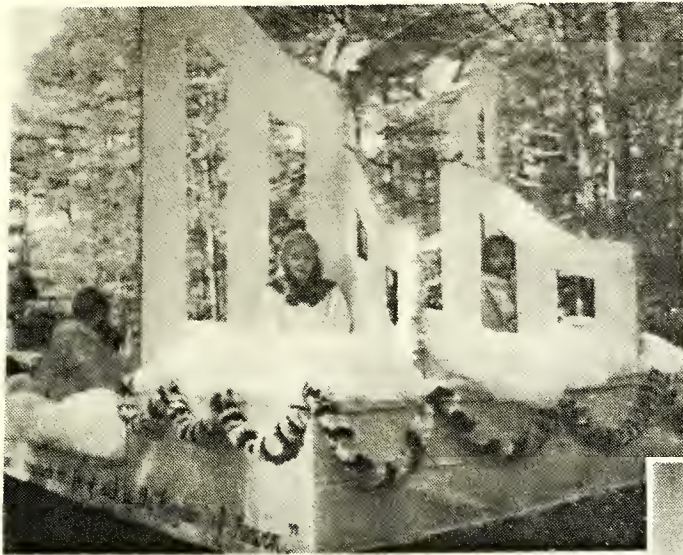
LOIS PARSONS



FRANKIE SUE KELLY



PICTURES OF THE FLOAT THAT WAS IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE
IN 1981. THIS FLOAT WON FIRST PLACE. THE PICTURES ARE OF THE
SAME FLOAT TAKEN FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.



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